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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. NISHIDA et al (see attached)

For:  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER GOODS  
USED IN AN ANALYZER

Enclosed are:

☒ 4 Sheets of Drawings  
☐ This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

☒ Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-026298  
filed February 2, 2001. ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith.  
☒ Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and  
☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

☒ Specification: Abstract ☒ Description 16 pages; and 12 claim(s).

☐ Preliminary Amendment.

☒ Executed Declaration.

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Small Entity

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| For:  | No. Filed   | No. Extra |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| Basic Fee   |             |           |
| Total Claims  | 12 - 20 = * | 0         |
| Indep Claims  | 12 - 3 = *  | 9         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim (s) |             |           |

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| Rate  | Fee    |
|-------|--------|
|       | \$ 355 |
| x 9   | \$     |
| x 40  | \$     |
| + 135 | \$     |
| Total | \$     |

OR

| Rate  | Fee      |
|-------|----------|
|       | \$ 710   |
| x 18  | \$ 0     |
| x 80  | \$ 720   |
| + 270 | \$ 0     |
| Total | \$ 1,430 |

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1,430.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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